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REMARKS

Applicant has elected to have the claims of Group II, namely Claims 1-12 and 28-31 prosecuted in this patent application.

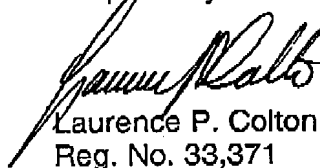
This election is made without traverse.

Applicant submits that when the claims of Group II are found allowable, that the claims of Group I and III be rejoined.

CONCLUSION

If the examiner has any final concerns that can be addressed over the telephone, please have the examiner contact the below-signed patent lawyer of record to expedite the issuance of the patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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